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TAGS: UNHRC, SHUM
SUBJECT: 34TH HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION: ITEM 12:
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1. THE UK DELEGATION HAS INFORMED THE USDEL OF THEIR INTENTIONS TO TABLE A RESOLUTION UNDER ITEM 12: VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS.
2. THE UK DEL HAS CONSULTED WITH THE FRENCH, CANADIAN, AUSTRALIAN, INDIAN AND SWEDISH DELS ON THEIR PROPOSED RESOLUTION, THE TEXT OF WHICH FOLLOWS AT THE END OF THIS MESSAGE.
3. AT THIS TIME, THE UK DEL IS DISCUSSING THIS DRAFT WITH MEMBERS OF THE NON-ALIGNED DELEGATIONS AND ARE PLANNING TO TABLE THE RESOLUTION EARLY NEXT WEEK.
4. MR. EVAN LUARD, UK MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS, WILL BE COMING TO THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION TO PRESENT THE UK SPEECH ON THIS ITEM WHEN IT IS DISCUSSED UNDER PUBLIC PROCEDURES, FOLLOWING

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THE CONFIDENTIAL DISCUSSION UNDER 1503 PROCEDURES.

5. UK DEL HAS PRIVATELY EXPRESSED VIEW THAT ANY RESOLUTION ON DEMOCRATIC KAMPUCHEA HAS VERY LITTLE IF ANY CHANCE OF BEING ACCEPTED BY THE COMMISSION. IN LIGHT OF THIS FEELING, THEY BELIEVE THAT THEY MUST PRESENT VERY STRONG LANGUAGE IN THEIR RESOLUTION THAT WILL AT

LEAST EMPHASIZE FOR THE PUBLIC THE GRAVITY OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN DEMOCRATIC KAMPUCHEA.

6. IN PRIVATE DISCUSSIONS WITH THE CANADIAN, SWEDISH AND AUSTRALIAN DELS, USDEL HAS EXPLORED THE POSSIBILITY OF FINDING A MECHANISM FOR INVESTIGATING THE VIOLATIONS IN DEMOCRATIC KAMPUCHEA WHICH WOULD STAND BETTER CHANCE OF BEING ACCEPTABLE TO THE COMMISSION, SUCH AS A SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR.

7. WE BELIEVE UKDEL MIGHT BE WILLING TO ACCEPT OTHER LANGUAGE IF IT HAS NOT BEEN DILUTED TOO MUCH, PARTICULARLY IF THERE IS INCREASED POSSIBILITY THAT IT MAY BE ACCEPTED BY THE COMMISSION.

8. TEXT OF THE BRITISH DRAFT FOLLOWS:

THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS,
HAVING IN MIND THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS, AND THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS,

DRAWING ON RESOLUTION 1235 (XLII) OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL,

RECALLING ITS RESOLUTION 8 (XXIII),

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GRAVELY CONCERNED BY REPORTS OF GROSS AND SYSTEMATIC VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN DEMOCRATIC KAMPUCHEA,

1. DECIDES THAT AN AD HOC WORKING GROUP OF FIVE MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION BE APPOINTED IN THEIR PERSONAL CAPACITY BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS TO MAKE A THOROUGH STUDY OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN DEMOCRATIC KAMPUCHEA, AND TO THIS END SHOULD SEEK THE CO-OPERATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF DEMOCRATIC KAMPUCHEA, AND SUCH OTHER GOVERNMENTS, NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS OR INDIVIDUALS WHO MAY HAVE OBJECTIVE AND RELIABLY ATTESTED INFORMATION TO OFFER;

2. APPEALS TO THE GOVERNMENT OF DEMOCRATIC KAMPUCHEA TO EXTEND ITS FULL CO-OPERATION TO THE AD HOC WORKING GROUP IN CARRYING OUT THEIR TASK, INCLUDING THE GRANTING OF ALL NECESSARY FACILITIES FOR A VISIT AND FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT WITHIN DEMOCRATIC KAMPUCHEA;

3. REQUESTS THE AD HOC WORKING GROUP TO REPORT THE RESULTS OF ITS ENQUIRY TO THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS AT ITS THIRTY-FIFTH SESSION AND TO SUBMIT A PROGRESS

REPORT ON ITS FINDINGS TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL FOR
INCLUSION IN THE REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL
TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY;

4. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO RENDER THE AD HOC
WORKING GROUP ALL SUCH ASSISTANCE AS THEY REQUIRE IN

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THEIR WORK;

5. RECOMMENDS TO THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL THAT
IT MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR ADEQUATE FINANCIAL RESOURCES AND
STAFF FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PRESENT RESOLUTION;

6. DECIDES TO CONSIDER AT ITS THIRTY-FIFTH SESSION AS A
MATTER OF HIGH PRIORITY THE QUESTION OF THE PROTECTION OF
HUMAN RIGHTS IN DEMOCRATIC KAMPUCHEA. END TEXT.

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